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Baton Rouge Area Chapter Elects Malcolm McSween

Malcolm McSween was elected President of the Baton Rouge area chapter of the Alumni Association Feb. 23 at a meeting in the Black Angus restaurant on Florida Boulevard.

Alumni Association President Ray Scott Dean of Administration Charles F. Thomas, Alumni Secretary Harrel Haile and his assistant, E. H. Gilson, attended the meeting. Bill Ackel, also of Natchitoches, was a guest.

Other officers elected by the chapter were: Vernon Dupree, vice president, and Mrs. Maude Carnegie, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the Board of Directors are Mrs. Madeline Pourciau, C. D. Snoddy, Richard D. Clanton, Clyde F. Vienne, Mrs. Louise Peek and Hoyt Reed.

Dr. and Mrs. John Foote attended. Dr. Foote represented the class of 1904. Other graduates represented classed through 1966.

1954 Graduate Gets US Service Award

U. S. Army Captain John D. Skidmore, son of Mrs. C. R. Skidmore of 714 Nobles, Midland, Tex., has been decorated with the U. S. Joint Service Commendation Medal at Ent AFB, Colo.

Captain Skidmore received the Department of Defense medal for his meritorious service with Headquarters, North American Air Defense Command, the U. S.-Canadian Air Defense system responsible for detection, identification and interception of either unidentified or hostile aerospace forces in defense of the North American continent.

The captain, a 1954 graduate of New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, attended the University of Texas. He received a B. A. degree in political science in 1959 from Northwestern State College and was commissioned upon completion of the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps program.



GUARDIA HALL, constructed in 1912 as a "new model school," was completely destroyed by fire early in the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 15. A major loss was the Williamson Museum, established by the Alumni Association in 1921 in honor of the late George Williamson, professor emeritus of biology, who donated his personal collection to the museum. Nearby Caldwell Hall was not in danger as a favorable wind blew flames away from the ancient building, now undergoing a \$400,000 renovation.

Ralph Ropp Becomes Lieutenant Colonel At Fifth U S Army Post

Ralph E. Ropp, 1950 graduate of Northwestern State College, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army.

Colonel Ropp entered the service in 1952 after being commissioned in the Infantry from Louisiana State University. He has recently been selected to attend the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in August.

A graduate of the Advanced Public Relations Course at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, he is presently assigned to Headquarters, Fifth US Army, Chicago, Illinois, as speechwriter for the Commanding General.

Colonel Ropp has served in Korea, Japan, Germany, Alaska and most recently in South Vietnam where he was the Information Officer for all US Army forces under General W. C. Westmoreland, Commanding General, US Forces, Vietnam.

Prior to his service in Vietnam, Ropp served as Press Officer for General Westmoreland at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

The new Colonel resides with his wife, the former Lila Lewis

of Bunkie, and their three children, Mary Margaret, 13, Ralph Lewis, 8, and Kirkland Lee, 6, at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Colonel Ropp has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Basic Air Medal, the Air Medal for Heroism during aerial flight, the Army Commendation Medal with cluster, and two battle stars for his Vietnam service.

AARP Names Sylvest

Murphy J. Sylvest (2-yr. '17) educator and nationally known psychologist, was appointed recently as volunteer Louisiana state director of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Sylvest was an honor graduate of Louisiana State Normal and holds bachelor's and master's degrees from LSU and a law degree from Hamilton College of Law.

He served in the Louisiana Legislature for 12 years and presently conducts the Sylvest Psychological Services.

Sylvest's appointment was announced by Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, founder and president of AARP and its affiliate, the National Retired Teachers Association.

1908 Graduate Woman of Year At Minden Fete

Miss Kuma Shealy, a 1908 graduate of the Normal, was honored recently as Minden's "Outstanding Woman of the Year." The following is reprinted from the Shreveport Journal.

MINDEN—Miss Kuma Shealy, whose life work has touched the lives of thousands of others, was chosen as Minden's "Outstanding Woman of the Year" last night.

Miss Shealy, who lives at 217 W. Union St., was a teacher in Minden schools for 47 years before her retirement in 1955. Since then, she has substitute taught and is now tutoring pupils in her home.

The award, presented annually by Minden Newspapers, Inc., was given to Miss Shealy in ceremonies at the Lions Club Sweetheart Banquet.

Making the presentation was Richard B. Hill, publisher of the Minden Press-Herald.

Judges for the "Woman of the Year" selection were Mrs. Thad Andress, Mrs. Jack Perryman, Mrs. Graydon Kitchens Jr., Mrs. Merrill Valentine and Mrs. David James, representing Minden Newspapers, Inc.

Influencing the judges in their selection of Miss Shealy was the role she has played in influencing the lives of young persons, both as a school teacher and in her church activities.

When told that she had been selected "Woman of the Year," Miss Shealy said, "I had my day in 1955. I don't feel I deserve another one."

When the teacher retired in 1955, she was honored at a meeting in the high school auditorium. At that time, she was given a trip to the Holy Land.

Miss Shealy explained that the trip was given her largely through the efforts of one of her former students, Milton Lambert.

She explained that the reason so many people knew her was the fact that she taught them in school during the week and then worked with them in church.

She declined to estimate how many persons she had taught. Miss Shealy did point out, however, that she was teaching in

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Alumni Here and There

Charles Fulco, Jr., (BA, '64) of Shreveport, has been appointed assistant director of the Caddo-Bossier Neighborhood Youth Corps program.

He formerly served as coordinator and as counselor.

Fulco is a former health educator for Caddo parish.

In his new position, Fulco will direct placement of new NYC employees, provide liaison between NYC and cooperating agencies, and supervise counselors and organization of recruitment teams.

William Webb Robinson (BS, '61) has received the Master of Science degree in Dentistry-Orthodontics from St. Louis University.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Walter J. Robinson. Dr. Robinson is head of the Department of Industrial Education at Northwestern.

Robinson, according to Dr. Robinson, has successfully established an office in Sherman, Tex.

Miss Billie Carole Edwards (BA '58, MA '67) has been employed as a member of the Louisiana College Art Department faculty this spring.

She is teaching courses in painting, design and drawing.

Miss Edwards formerly taught art at Louisiana College, and at Pineville, Ouachita parish and Franklin high schools.

A small "alumni dinner" is the way Dale B. Bernard of Lake Charles described a recent turkey barbecue at his home at 4436 Lake Street Feb. 11.

Enjoying the barbecue were Buddy Bonnette, his wife, Vera, and children; Johnny Emmons and his wife, Nelda, and children; Larry Jones, his wife,

Peggy, and daughter, were guests of Dale and his wife, Nelly.

Bonnette is working on his doctorate at LSU and was in Lake Charles visiting Emmons. The group were students together at NSC during the period 1948-53. Jones was a CPA in Lake Charles but was due to make a change March 1 to become business manager of a medical clinic.

—LETTERS—

Feb. 15, 1967

Dear Sirs:

It sure is good to get the Alumni Columns as it keeps me abreast of all my old classmates.

I am now serving in Viet Nam after a short tour in Germany. My family is living in Kinder, La., while I am serving over here. I have four daughters, Paula, age 8; Patty, age 7; Mary Kay, age 3; and the baby, Donna Sue, age 1, who was born in Germany on 19 December 1965. My wife, Denny Sue, who did not attend NSC, sends me the Columns every month. She enjoys it also as she knows most of my friends and tries to keep up with them also. I hope to send all my girls to NSC.

I visited the old Campus back in '63 and '64 and there were many, many changes. I was stationed at Ft. Polk at that time, November, 1962, to June, 1965, before I went to Germany.

I sure was glad to see that the Demons had a fine outstanding football team in 1965. Hope the basketball team does as well. I coached the Ft. Polk basketball team in 1965 and had on my team Kenneth Moran, a former Demon and Jim Pepper, who Moran and I talked into attending NSC. I think he is a Freshman now and on the Demon squad.

Keep up the good work on the paper and if all Alumni enjoy the publication then it is worth all the hard work, which I know you put into producing it.

The Alumni Columns has been going to my home of record since graduation and I want it to continue to do so. My parents sent it to me every month, regardless of where I was located. Columbia, S.C.; Columbus, Ga.; Korea; Polk; Germany; and now Viet Nam.

Thank you for giving me a minute of your valuable time to express my feelings for the Columns.

Sincerely,
Donald A. Fossett
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Look

Who's

Here

Mr. and Mrs. James Melvin Pitre (Mydra Richard, BS '65, in Nursing) announce the arrival of their first born, James Melvin, Jr. He arrived Dec. 20, in Frankfurt, Germany, where the family will live for the next three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Barras (Patricia Ann Johnson, BA '67) are the proud parents of a son, Gerald Byron, who was born Jan. 24, weighing 6 lbs., 11½ oz.

David Charles May arrived in Memphis last Aug. 26, and is a husky five-month old boy now. His big sister, Marie, is to be four years old in May. Mrs. May is the former Brenda Holmes, BS '62.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle B. Morrison (nee Kay Flowers) announce the arrival of their second child, a daughter, Catherine Anne. She was born Jan. 24, weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. Both her parents received degrees in January, '62.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy H. Burks, BS '64, announce the birth of their first child, Stephanie Gayle. She arrived Jan. 13, weighing 8 lbs.

On July 29, Kelley Ann joined her brother Mark Robert, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wingate, BS '55. They make their home in Metairie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tulloch Sherwood announce the birth of their second child, a son, John, Jr. He weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz., and he arrived Feb. 8, in Washington, D. C. His sister, Beth, is 2½ years old.

Governor Appoints Foote To Another 6-Year Term

Dr. John M. Foote, 1904 Louisiana State Normal graduate, was recently appointed by Governor John McKeithen to another six-year term on the Board of Trustees of the T. H. Harris Scholarship Foundation.

He has served on the Board continuously for the past 18 years.

Dr. Foote now holds commissions from four Governors, Earl K. Long, Robert F. Kennon, Jimmy Davis and McKeithen.



2ND LT. JAMES A. BOWEN, JR. (BA '65) received his pilot wings recently on graduation from Webb AFB, Tex., and was assigned to Columbus AFB, Miss. His wife, Jean, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. DeBlieux of Natchitoches.



Cupid's Doings

Miss CAROL GENE DANIEL, BA '66, and SAMUEL A. TAYLOR, JR., BS '66, were married Jan. 21 in Patterson.

Feb. 3 was the wedding day of Miss JUDITH ANN BEGGS, BA '62, and Lt. John Eric Pierson. Vows were spoken in St. John's Methodist Church in Corpus Christi. They are making their home in Corpus Christi.

The ceremony uniting Miss ANN KILPATRICK BLOCH, BA '65, and David Arthur Robichaux in marriage was performed Feb. 4 in the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral of Alexandria.

Miss SHERIAN HADSKY, BS '64, and Charles W. Reed repeated nuptial vows Feb. 4 in the Catholic Church in Jackson.

The ceremony uniting Miss TERESA ANNE METZ, BS '65, and FREDERICK MOFFETT FRASER, BS '65, in marriage, was performed Feb. 4, in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morgan City.

Feb. 11 was the wedding day of Miss Geraldine Kay Smith, and LT. SAM W. SHELTON, III, BA '65. After the ceremony in the Cedar Bayou Baptist Church of Baytown, Texas, the couple drove to Aberdeen, Md., where they are now residing.

Newlyweds now making their home in Germany, where they were wed in Feb., are the former Miss MARGARET LYNN BERTHELOT, BA '66, and Pfc. Ronald Wayne West, who also attended Northwestern.



RICHARD G. TAUZIN (BS '66) has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force on graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex. He was selected for OTS through competitive examination.



DR. AND MRS. R. D. KNOLL are pictured with their two children, Roderick Paul and Pamela Powell Knoll. Mrs. Knoll was formerly Dora Anne Powell (BS '50.)

1950 Graduate Is Partner In New Dietary Consultants Firm

Mrs. Robert Knoll (BS, '50) of Arcadia, Calif., has joined with Mrs. Don Eyer to establish the Eyer-Knoll Dietary Consultants at 650 West Duarte street.

Mrs. Knoll earned her master's in Dietetics at the University of Arkansas and did her internship at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, Tex.

She became Chief of the Therapeutic Department for the Hospital Management Division of Stouffer Foods at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Later, she instructed student nurses and medical students at Temple University Medical School.

While serving as Assistant Chief at Charity Hospital in New Orleans she taught medical

students at LSU and at Tulane Medical School. She has also taught Foods at Lincoln high school in Los Angeles.

The Knolls have two children, Roderick, 5½, and Pamela, six months. Dr. Knoll is a psychiatrist.



THESE YOUNG MEN are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Graham of Charleston AFB, South Carolina. They are Randal, 9½, Russell, 5, and Ronald 8½. Mrs. Graham is the former Ann Fitzpatrick, Nursing '57.

1908 GRADUATE—

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church before she began working in schools. She has continued her church teaching following her retirement from the school system. Miss Shealy currently conducts a teacher training course at the First Baptist Church.

When she's not tutoring high school or college students, Miss Shealy is working in her garden or with her flowers, a hobby she took up years ago when she was caring for her mother. Miss Shealy explained that she could put her mother on the sun porch and watch her while she worked in the yard.

During her 47 years as a school teacher, the educator missed teaching only once. That was back in 1917, during the flu epidemic, when the doctor said he wouldn't treat her if she was going to teach school while sick.



THIS YOUNG MAN IS ROBERT WILLIAM GORDON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gordon (Mary Ellen Tyler, BA '64), of Shreveport. He arrived Sept. 5, 1966, and he weighed 7 lbs.

Name Mrs. Hanks Teacher of Year

Mrs. Lois M. Hanks (BA, '53, MA, '57) was one of two teachers recognized as outstanding educators at the 13th annual Teacher Appreciation banquet at Minden sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Hanks is a teacher at the E. S. Richardson Elementary School at Minden. She was named "educator of the year" and received a plaque from Major de Pingre, who represented the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Hanks has been a teacher for 21 years and has served in numerous capacities as a member of school-related organizations, professional and honorary. She served as President of the Department of Classroom Teachers of Webster parish for two years and at the LTA convention last November was elected to serve on the Executive Council of the Classroom Teachers of the Fourth Congressional District.



THIS IS FRANCES ALYSON HENLEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Henley (Alyce Edmondson, Nursing '62). Frances celebrated her second birthday Feb. 17.



DANNY CLARK celebrated his first birthday Oct. 22. His mother, the former Linda Willis, BS Nursing '63, is currently teaching maternal-child nursing at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

NSC Graduates Shine in Top Twenty Tournament

Five of the eight North Louisiana teams in the Top Twenty Basketball Tournament at Alexandria early in March are coached by Northwestern graduates.

Dick Brown, who holds Northwestern's all-time scoring career record of 1,802, took his Florien Black Cats into the tourney for the second straight year.

Another former All-GSC guard, Larry Skinner, coached the Many team, which went to the Top 20 in search of its first state championship crown since 1949.

The other three NSC graduates who led North Louisiana teams into the playoffs did not play basketball at Northwestern but did receive degrees from NSC.

They were Billy Montgomery of Haughton, James Roach of Doyline and Phillip Allen of Dubberly.

Preparations Under Way For National Gymnastics

Northwestern State College and the city of Natchitoches have begun preparations for the National Amateur Athletic Union gymnastics championships, set for Prather Coliseum May 4, 5 and 6.

The Demons hosted the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics gymnastics championship meet in March.

Northwestern is the first college in Louisiana to host an NAIA or AAU national championship event.

Coach Fred Martinez' Demons were the defending champions in the NAIA meet and finished second last year in the AAU event.

More Than 400 Compete In Indoor Track Event

More than 400 athletes from six states competed in this year's Graduate N Club Indoor Track and Field Meet, the most successful in the three-year history of the event.

Owen Self of Byrd, who ran the mile in a record 4:19.3, was chosen as the Outstanding Athlete in the high school division. Tulane's Gary Groff, who went 24-11¼ in the broad jump, won the honor in the college division.

Four records were broken in the high school division, and five records were broken and four others tied in the college competition.

Northwestern Cagers Close Season; Attack School's All-Time Records



AL DODD, All-American football safety at Northwestern, has become the first Demon athlete in history to have his jersey number retired. Dodd's Number 41 will never again be worn by a Northwestern football player. He is the first Demon ever to make the Associated Press first team All-American unit.

Demon Club Will Boost Athletics

A Demon Club has been formed to promote the Northwestern athletic program.

More than 80 Northwestern backers got together last month and drew up plans for the operation of the Demon Club.

Alumni and friends of Northwestern who contribute \$300 or more annually to Northwestern will be known as Beelzebubs, princes of Demons. Those who contribute \$100 will be Pitchforks, and those giving \$15 a year will be called Demons.

Northwestern alumni will be contacted in the near future about the Demon Club.

Contributions will go to the Northwestern Foundation but can be earmarked for athletics. The money will be dispersed by the college under NCAA and GSC regulations.

The primary purpose of the fund is to supplement Northwestern's athletic scholarship fund. For example, in football, the state provides 58 scholarships, but a school can carry 70 on football scholarship if additional funds are available.

Officers of the club are Jack Simpson, Natchitoches, president; Leslie Cowley, Shreveport, vice-president; Walter Ledet, Natchitoches, secretary-treasurer; and E. H. Gilson, Natchitoches, ex-officio vice-president.

NATCHITOCHES, LA.—Northwestern's basketball team, despite a losing season, made one of the most vicious attacks on the school's record books in years, breaking 15 all-time records and equalling another.

Playing with three sophomore starters and battling through the season with a height deficiency, Northwestern finished with an 8-17 record. The Demons tied with McNeese for fourth in the Gulf States Conference with a 5-7 mark.

But the Demon quintet knocked down a batch of school records some of which had been on the books for 15 years.

James Wyatt, 6-foot-6 center from Belmont, Northwestern's "tall man," did most of the record-shattering.

Wyatt set a season record by pulling down 316 ricochets for a 13.7 average. The old mark of 253 was set by Ken Shaw 15 years ago. Wyatt also broke his own season rebounding record in conference games only by grabbing 142. He has broken the record last year with 114.

The big Demon center cracked the single game rebounding mark with 25 against McNeese late in the season. He also held that record with 17 in one game last year.

One of Wyatt's records is a little dubious, but it still goes into the books. He broke the personal foul average per game mark by ending up with a norm of 3.82 fouls a contest.

The only other individual record was set by David Clark, senior forward, who broke his own free throw percentage record in conference games only by hitting 152 of 179 for an 85.5 percentage. The old mark was 84.5, set last year.

Northwestern broke 10 team records and tied another this season. Perhaps the most impressive was in the rebounding department, where the Demons grabbed 1,089 during the season to break last year's mark of 1,033.

For the season, the Demons also set a free throw percentage mark of 77.9, which, incidentally, was the best in the nation among NCAA small colleges. NSC hit 528 of 678 free throw attempts this year.

During GSC games only, Northwestern broke the most field goals attempted, best free throw percentage, most rebounds and rebounding average marks.

Northwestern hit 81.1 percent



DAVID CLARK, Northwestern senior forward, was named to the first team Coaches All-Gulf States Conference basketball squad. Clark was Northwestern's leading scorer this year, averaging 20.5 points a game. He beat out Louisiana Tech's Richard Peek for the first team berth.

Football Spring Training Slated

Glenn Gossett, Northwestern head football coach, has announced that spring training for the Demons will begin April 4.

Gossett said the spring drills were delayed as long as possible to allow the coaching staff time to study the personnel and organize new offensive and defensive setups.

Northwestern will have a period of 36 days to get in 20 days of practice. Gossett said the Demons would work out on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Scrimmages will be held on Saturdays.

Northwestern's Purple-White spring game will be played May 6, but two closed practice sessions will be conducted following the spring contest.

of its free throws, 241 of 297 to break that mark. The Demons attempted 738 field goals this year, more than ever before. The total of 526 rebounds in the 12 conference games, an average of 43.8 a contest, set two marks.

In single conference games, Northwestern set marks with 79 field goal attempts against Nicholls State, 42 field goals made against the same team and 60 rebounds, again against Nicholls.

Northwestern set free throw percentage marks by hitting 90.5 percent against both Louisiana Tech and Southwestern Louisiana. The league's No. 1 and 2. The Demons hit 19 of 21 from the free throw line against Tech and USL.

Action Under Way In Spring Sports

Northwestern's spring sports program got under way in early March with a batch of non-conference outings in baseball, track, golf and tennis.

Conference competition will not begin until late in the month. The track team has a dual meet set with Northeast at Monroe March 18.

The Demon golfers tangle with Louisiana Tech at Ruston March 21. The first conference baseball game is March 30 against Nicholls at Natchitoches.

Tennis players meet their first conference rival March 30 in a match against Nicholls on the Northwestern court.

The conference tennis and golf events are scheduled for Monroe May 11 and 12, and the conference track meet is May 13.

Coach Jack Clayton has 10 returning lettermen this season in baseball, including hard-hitting outfielders Dean Slavounous, David Smith and Mike Herron.

In golf, five players will return from last year's team, Joe Data, Larry Ross, Bill Chaney, Keith Wright and Chris Baird.

The tennis returnees are slim. Only Ray Jackson and Buster Nall have had collegiate experience. Track coach John Thompson will welcome back a dozen lettermen, including distance men Bob Dufalo and Paul Trueman and hurdler Don Mims.

Gene Knecht is coaching this year's tennis team, and Don Beasley is handling the golf chores.

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